174. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) of the 29 loan applications received by the Government from Chittur, why only one was sanctioned;

(2) what the amount disbursed under the sanctioned application is?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—(1) Of the loan applications received from the Chittur Taluk, 5 had been sanctioned; in 4 cases the applicants had withdrawn their applications, and the remaining applications were rejected as they were either not *bona fide* or the properties offered as security were highly encumbered. Even in the case of applications sanctioned, the parties concerned have not yet produced the title deeds of the properties offered as security.

(2) No amount has yet been disbursed.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government favourably consider the cases of properties slightly encumbered?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—We follow a particular principle, not to accept as security property encumbered. If an encumbered property is taken as security, and if the first encumbrancer goes to court, the Sirkar also will be dragged into court. In almost all cases, if the first encumbrancer does not take the property, Government will be forced to take the property in order to protect itself. So, if a property is encumbered, either slightly or highly, it comes to the same thing. So the Government avoid taking of encumbered properties as securities for the loans. So the Government will not be justified in taking as security an encumbered property even though it is not heavily encumbered.

Night-soil contractor of the Trichur Municipality.

175. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Planting Member of this House is the night-soil contractor of the Trichur Municipality;

(b) is it a fact that the contractor forcibly took away a bull (on the 16th of Kumbham 1104) at 11 while it was actually engaged in carrying the night-soil and thus caused much annoyance to the public;

(c) is it a fact that the Municipality fined the contractor and has taken prosecution measures against the contractor?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise in view of the answer to (a).

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Who is the contractor, please?

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